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accessing this information are going to do an exceptional job with the information. But I want to make sure that we have the process set up either through the registry or through the guidelines that the registry is going to set up to either they make the contact or that within their protocol that they set up for the researcher to make the contact of the patient or the patient's family, that it's legitimate, that there's no pressure tactics or things like that that might come about because of a vested interest in the research project. And so that...that's really where my concern comes from. And it really, you know, I think it's reasonable for us to look at LB 721 in the light that's being proposed that you remove the physician from this so that that's not...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...you know, their total responsibility to be in between all of these contacts because they have a responsibility to take care of their patients, as well, outside of providing this information and we can allow the families...the patient's family or the patient themselves to make that call, but it comes back to my concern of whether we actually are walking that fine line between saying, okay, we're going to let the researcher directly contact the patient even though they don't the name or they don't know the individual because it's a blind contact, but it still gives them the authority to directly talk to those people and to use their knowledge of maybe their area to try and convince them that this is a good idea and that they should go along with this maybe for their benefit or for the benefit of others when they might not be able to totally prove that. So, that's my concern and I will listen to see if you have some answers for me and and I will press my light so we can discuss this later.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Schimek, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Erdman, if I might, I would like to suggest that you are reading an "or" into that that's not there. If you look at the language beginning on line 7, it says "No person who seeks